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From: CN=Phil North/OU=R10/O=USEPA/C=US
Sent: Wed 10/27/2010 7:11:59 PM
Subject: Re: Bristol Bay

Thanks for responding. I will write another letter that Dennis McLarren, Regional Administrator for Region 10, will sign. And thanks for writing. We need to hear from everyone as much as possible.

Bristol Bay and proposed mining is pretty much all I work on these days. It is a long process to get from requests for an action to making a decision about that action. We need to compile all the information we can get to support our decision then we need to go through a mandated process to make sure everyone who wants to comment can do so. The actual decision on whether to establish additional prohibitions that might stop the Pebble and other mines is a year or more away. Please stay tuned and participate in the public process when it happens.

This and next week we are briefing everyone in my chain of command right on up to Lisa Jackson. We are also hiring a contractor to help us collect all the information.

Its a long process but, as Winston Churchill is credited with saying, "democracy is the worst form of government, except all the others that have been tried".

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From: Katie Rogotzke <rogotzke@epa.gov> Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
To: Phil North/R10/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 10/26/2010 07:47 PM
Subject: Re: Bristol Bay

Thank you for writing. Yes, I did receive a letter from you a few months ago, as did my father. I thought it my "civic duty" and love of commercial fishing in Bristol Bay to send another. And, may I ask, what are you and Ms. Jackson doing about the mining proposal?

Sincerely,
Katie

Sent from my iPod

On Oct 26, 2010, at 16:06, North.Phil@epamail.epa.gov wrote:

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> Ms. Rogotzke,
> As you might guess, when you send a letter to a high government official
> they don't actually write the response. The letters come to staff like
> me who write the letter for their signatures. I just got a letter that
> you wrote on September 27, 2010. But I recall writing to you in July of
> this past summer in response to a letter you wrote while on your fishing
> boat in Bristol Bay. Did you ever get that response? I am wondering if
> there a glitch in our process that where some letters are not being sent.
> I want to make sure we are responsive.
> Your response to this email will help us make sure we are responding
> adequately.
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> Thanks,
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